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SHAW LAWYERS' PLEAS GRANTED

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Hearing Slated Tuesday Brings Action

Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw, accused of participating in a conspiracy to murder President Kennedy, Friday were granted three requests before a preliminary hearing for Shaw Tuesday.

Shaw, 54, retired managing director of the International Trade Mart, will be the principal subject at the potentially history-making hearing set for Tuesday morning before a panel of three Criminal District Court judges.

After his arrest and booking March 1, Shaw was released on $10,000 bond. A motion filed by his attorneys to have the case dismissed has since been rejected.

Friday, Shaw's counsel was granted a special hearing before the three-judge panel—composed of Judges Bernard J. Bagert, Malcolm V. O'Hara and Matthew S. Braniff—to be held at 11 a. m. Monday. Judge Bagert said he expects attorneys to seek new motions Monday.

Additionally, defense attorneys filed two motions with Judges Bagert and O'Hara, and both were granted.

PHOTOGRAPHS OK'D

One motion asked that the attorneys be allowed to photograph the apartment of David W. Ferrie, a free lance pilot who died Feb. 22 after being labeled by District Attorney Jim Garrison as a principal figure in the alleged New Orleans-based conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

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The defense said photos of Ferrie's Louisiana ave. pkwy. apartment were necessary for them to prepare their case for Tuesday's hearing. The apartment, in which Ferrie was found dead of what was determined natural causes by the Orleans Parish coroner's office, has been locked since by order of police and the district attorney's office, defense counselors said.

To Shaw's legal counsel, Ferrie's apartment is especially important. It was there that Shaw, Ferrie and Oswald, accompanied by several other persons not identified, met to plot the murder of Kennedy, Garrison alleged.

However, the exact date and time of the alleged meeting has not yet been revealed by the district attorney's office.

Garrison claims he came to know of the conspiracy gathering through a confidential inmant who was present. Neither has the informant been named, but Judge Bagert said this week that he was of the opinion that he will have the district attorney's office make the name known at Tuesday's preliminary hearing.

WILL INVOLVED

In the motion to photograph the interior of Ferrie's apartment, Assistant District Attorney Alvin Oser said he had no objections, but there may be a technicality involving Ferrie's will. The defense said it believes this can be worked out.

The three judges agreed to the motion with a provision that officials of the district attorney's office be present when pictures are taken. The defense agreed to this.

As events of the growing investigation crept closer to a climax Friday, all attention by officials in the Criminal Courts Building at Tulane and Broad, by local news media and scores of visiting newsmen was centered on the hearing Tuesday.

At the hearing, Garrison's aides will be required to show that they have sufficient evidence to justify a trial for Shaw. On the other hand, Shaw's attorneys will try to prove their client's innocence, which Shaw, tall and gray-haired, has staunchly sworn to since his arrest in Garrison's office March 1.

Newsmen from throughout the country and from other nations filed through Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr.'s office Friday to have their pictures taken and to receive credentials which will admit them to predetermined seats in the courtroom Tuesday.

SEATS RESERVED

Seven newsmen will be seated at a special press table near the front of the courtroom. Seats will be reserved for 60 other press members in the spectator section.

An additional 30 seats will be available for the general public, Heyd said. Those wishing to attend the hearing must first report to Heyd's office between 10 a. m. and noon Monday and bring with them a photo of themveles or other identification. There they will apply for admit cards. Each applicant will undergo a records check before the cards are issued, Heyd added.

Thursday, the three-judge panel issued a 27-paragraph set of guidelines, forbidding any witness, attorney, police officer and many others concerned with the case "from making any extra-judicial statements of any kind concerning this case from this date until such time as this case is concluded."

The set of rules noted that newsmen will be allowed to use any and all information which unfolds at the preliminary hearing or official public gathering of the case.

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Three-Judge Panel on Garrison Probe

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THE THREE Criminal District Court judges who will conduct the preliminary hearing Tuesday morning in District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe into an alleged assassination plot against President John F. Kennedy are (from right(Senior Judge Bernard J. Bagert and Judges Matthew S. Braniff and Malcolm V. O'Hara.